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Docket No. AUS9-2000-0636-US1

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231Assignee Name: International Business Machines Corporation
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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For: Method and Apparatus for Providing a Reliable Protocol for Transferring Data

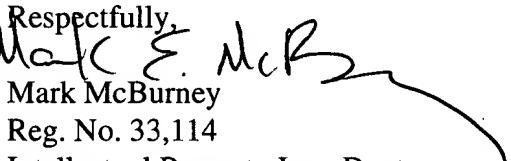
Enclosed are also:

31 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
 9 Pages of Claims
 8 Sheet(s) of Drawings
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney
 Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

CLAIMS AS FILED

FOR	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee (\$710)
Total Claims	38	-20 =	18 X \$ 18	= \$ 324.00
Independent Claims	8	-3 =	5 X \$ 80	= \$ 400.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	0		X \$260	= \$ 0.00
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